



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of)	BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENT
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Shigeru YANO et al)	Group Art Unit: 1771
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Application No.: 09/913,725)	Examiner: Hai Vo
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Filed: August 17, 2001)	Confirmation No.: 3808
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For: POROUS FILM AND)	
MANUFACTURING METHOD)	
THEREOF)	
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AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

- A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.
- A Terminal Disclaimer and a check for \$55.00 (2814) \$110.00 (1814) to cover the requisite Government fee are also enclosed.
- Also enclosed is _____
- Small entity status is hereby claimed.
- Applicant(s) request continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the \$370.00 (2801) \$740.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
 - Applicant(s) previously submitted ___, on ___, for which continued examination is requested.
- Applicant(s) request suspension of action by the Office until at least ___, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.
- A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (146/246) is also enclosed.
- No additional claim fee is required.

An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

A M E N D E D C L A I M S					
	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	ADDT'L FEE
Total Claims	9	MINUS 20 =	0	× \$18.00 (1202) =	0.00
Independent Claims	1	MINUS 3 =	0	× \$84.00 (1201) =	0.00
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$280.00 (1203)					0.00
Total Amendment Fee					0.00
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Amendment Fee					0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					0.00

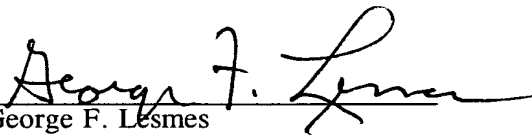
A claim fee in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed.

Charge \$_____ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

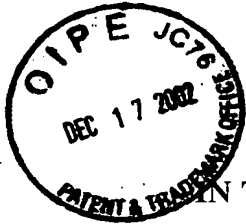
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In response to the Official Action mailed September 27, 2002, applicants submit the following remarks.

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing, re-examination and reconsideration of the subject matter identified above, consistent with 37 C.F.R. §1.112, and in light of the remarks which follow, are respectfully requested.

Restriction has been required between Group I, claims 1-7, and Group II, claims 8 and 9. According to the Examiner, claims 1-9 do not relate to a single general inventive concept and lack the same or corresponding special technical features because claim 1 is allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent 5,945,210 to Senba et al or JP 11-158305.